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FOR: DUNNAGE AIR BAG WITH IMPROVED ADHESIVE BONDING OF
PAPER PLIES WITHIN THE VICINITY OF THE INFLATION VALVE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In connection with the above-identified patent application, and the prosecution thereof before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby desire to make of record, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, the following **PRIOR ART** of which Applicants are aware and which is also listed upon the attached **PTO FORM 1449**:

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Lung-Po	6,138,711
Peters	5,839,488
Langston	5,111,838
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Liebel	4,591,519
Angarola et al.	4,146,070
Shaw	3,808,981

The present invention, in connection with which the present patent application is being prosecuted, is directed toward a dunnage or cargo air bag which has incorporated therein a pair of glue or adhesive bonding strips which are located within the immediate vicinity of the inflation valve assembly so as to operatively cooperate with a folded edge portion of the dunnage or cargo air bag and a stitched or sewn edge portion of the dunnage or cargo air bag so as to thereby effectively surround or circumscribe the inflation valve assembly. In this manner, the plurality of paper plies are able to be effectively secured in a substantially flattened state upon the four sides surrounding the inflation valve assembly whereby the portion of each one of the plurality of paper plies, which effectively forms or defines the inner, annular periphery or rim wall portion of each one of the apertures, holes, or openings through which, for example, the tubular body member of the inflation valve assembly pro-

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jects outwardly, will not be disposed within the vicinity of the external thread portions of the tubular body member of the inflation valve assembly so as not to effectively interfere with the threaded engagement and secured mounting of the internally threaded closure cap upon the externally threaded tubular body member of the inflation valve assembly.

While the cited **PRIOR ART** is relevant to the present invention in that the **PRIOR ART** discloses conventional airbag inflation valve assemblies, it is submitted that such **PRIOR ART** patent publications cited above do not disclose the particular aforementioned features of the present invention, and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner should merely consider such **PRIOR ART** in its proper perspective, make the same officially of record, and proceed with completion of the examination of this patent application.

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